(*d*) The reasons advanced are the same as those contained in the representation dated 12-10-41 forwarded by the honourable member *viz.*, that on account of the present economic depression, the inhabitants will find it difficult to pay municipal tax.

(*e*) Enquiries are being made.

(*f*) The enquiries have not been completed.

MR. N. NARAYANA KURUP : May I know, Sir, the approximate area of the extension ?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA G. PARAMESWARAN PILLAI : About two or three square miles.

Kollakadavu bridge.

67. ***MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI** (*Tiruvalla*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether there is budget provision for the current year for the construction of the Kollakadavu bridge on the Chengannur-Mavelikara road ;

(*b*) whether tenders have been invited for the work ; and

(*c*) the nature and the particulars of work so far done during the current year in connection with the construction of the bridge ?

MR. I. C. CHACKO : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) The preliminary investigations have been made and the design and estimate for an R. C. C. bridge is under preparation.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI : May I know why the design and the estimate has not been prepared so far ?

MR. I. C. CHACKO : Owing to the difficulty in getting iron materials we have to decide yet the type of bridge which is needed there.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI : May I know whether the funds which are alloted will not be allowed to lapse by the end of the year ?

MR. I. C. CHACKO : Provided we are able to get the iron materials it will not be allowed to lapse.

Personal Assistant to the Conservator of Forests.

68. * **MR. KANNANTHODATH JANARDANAN NAIR** : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether the Personal Assistant to the Conservator of Forests receives any allowance from the General Motors Ltd.;

(*b*) the amount so received annually ;

(*c*) for what work is he paid this allowance ; and

(*d*) whether rules permit him to receive such allowances ?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA G. PARAMESWARAN PILLAI : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Bh. Rs. 50 per mensem.

(*c*) To supervise the passing of blackwood materials to be supplied to the General Motors, including travelling expenses to Quilon.

(*d*) Yes.

MR. KANNANTHODATH JANARDANAN NAIR : May I know whether the amount is paid by the General Motors or the Government ?

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RAJYASEVAPRAVINA G. PARAMESWARAN PILLAI: The General Motors pay this allowance.

MR. KANNANTHODATH JANARDANAN NAIR: May I know whether there is not a Divisional Forest Officer at Quilon?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA G. PARAMESWARAN PILLAI: There is one.

MR. KANNANTHODATH JANARDANAN NAIR: May I know whether it is the policy of Government to allow their officers to receive remuneration from private companies?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA G. PARAMESWARAN PILLAI: It is not a question of receiving remuneration from a private company. They are paying this amount to the officer in accordance with the terms of a contract. We have agreed to supply timber to the General Motors. This officer is entrusted with the duty of supervising the passing of blackwood materials to the company for their use. In fact this is a case where, if at all, the General Motors should be the party to complain. But they have agreed to pay the officer.

MR. KANNANTHODATH JANARDANAN NAIR: May I know whether the officer receives the remuneration direct from the General Motors or from the Government?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA G. PARAMESWARAN PILLAI: He receives the remuneration directly from the General Motors with the sanction of Government.

Expenditure on P. W. D. Works.

69. * MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have prescribed any proportion with a view to ensuring that expenditure on P. W. D. Works is spread over evenly throughout the year;

(*b*) whether the above rule has been violated in 1115 and 1116; and

(*c*) the action taken against the officers of the Department who were responsible for the breach of the rule?

MR. I. C. CHACKO: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) No. They are observed to the nearest approximation as far as circumstances permit.

(*c*) Does not arise.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: With reference to part (a) of the answer, may I know what is the proportion prescribed?

MR. I. C. CHACKO: 15 per cent. for the first quarter, 25 per cent. each for the 2nd and 3rd quarters and 35 per cent. for the last quarter.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: May I know whether the honourable member is aware that this rule has not been followed for the year 1115?

MR. I. C. CHACKO: It is followed as far as possible.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: May I know whether in any Division or Sub-Division this rule has been followed in the year 1115?

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